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1. The new radio station was three miles from the TSARITSINO suburb (37°40'E/55°37'N), Moscow Oblast, about eight miles south of MOSCOW.
2. An infantry colonel was in charge of the construction work. The engineers and construction supervisors were officers wearing red, blue, and black collar patches.
3. The radio installation, an area of from 1,500 to 2,000 acres, was covered with wooden masts arranged in squares of 160 feet. In the center of each square there was a "royal" mast, 150 feet high, the individual royal masts being connected with one another. Each royal mast was surrounded by an antenna system and all antenna systems were interconnected by two ring cables which terminated in the two station buildings. Each station building, 50 x 80 feet, was three-storied. The antenna wire was twisted of copper and light metal strands. The radio station, with about 120 personnel, including 25 to 30 women, has been in operation since May 1949.
4. The barracks buildings consisted of a four or five-story main building, 100 x 250 feet, with basement, and two three-story officers' buildings, each 50 x 100 feet. Since January 1949 the barracks buildings have been occupied by an NCO signal communication school of about 50 to 60 officers and 1,000 EM. The officers wore yellow, blue, red, and black service color; the NCOs pale yellow or pale blue (not definitely known).
5. According to Soviets, this was a DF station for aircraft traffic. There was no airfield in the vicinity.

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Comment:

a. Supplementing previous reports, this report definitely states that the radio station was put into operation in May 1949.

b. The additional occupation of the radio station by a signal communication school for NCOs is considered credible. The instructors were apparently selected from among signal officers of the various branches of service. The information that the installation is only a DF station for aircraft traffic seems to be erroneous.

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